

I CLAIM:

1. A cigarette box comprising:

a box body adapted to receive cigarette sticks therein;

5 a flip-top lid connected pivotally to said box body, said lid having a top portion formed with an opening, said opening having a size sufficient to permit removal of no more than one of the cigarette sticks from said box body; and

10 a cover having a size corresponding to that of said opening, said cover having a peripheral edge that includes at least one tearable section connected to said top portion of said lid by a weakened seam such that said cover can be torn from said lid at said weakened
15 seam to uncover said opening.

2. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said peripheral edge of said cover includes a linear connecting section connected foldably to said top portion of said lid, an operating section opposite to
20 said connecting section, and a pair of said tearable sections extending between said connecting section and said operating section,

said operating section being operable to lift said cover away from said top portion of said lid so as to
25 tear said cover from said lid at said tearable sections.

3. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said operating section is disconnected from said top portion

of said lid.

4. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said operating section is formed with an upward tab.

5 5. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said cover is provided with indicia to indicate position of said operating section.

10 6. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said peripheral edge of said cover further includes an operating section, said tearable section extending between opposite ends of said operating section, said operating section being operable to lift said cover away from said top portion of said lid so as to tear said cover from said lid at said tearable section.

15 7. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said operating section is disconnected from said top portion of said lid such that said cover can be severed completely from said lid when said cover is torn from said lid at said tearable section.

20 8. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said operating section is formed with an upward tab.

9. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said cover is provided with indicia to indicate position of said operating section.

25 10. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said weakened seam is a scored seam.

11. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said opening is generally circular.

12. The cigarette box as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said opening is generally rectangular.